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**For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
IMPROVING SLICE TO SLICE
RESOLUTION BY STAGGERING CELLS
IN THE Z-AXIS**

AMENDMENT B

A) INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Official Action of March 13, 2006, applicant requests reconsideration of his application for a patent.